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Applicant	: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.		
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Title	: A METHOD FOR DETECTING, SCREENING AND/OR MONITORING A CANCER IN AN INDIVIDUAL		
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Examiner:	Daniel M. Sullivan		
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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants provide this Reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 19, 2008 ("Notice") to clarify the record in this application ("Application") and in U.S. Patent Application 10/470,658 (the " '658 application") and summarize telephone conferences with Examiners Sullivan and Smith.

In the Notice it was stated that the amendments to the specification caused the Amendment filed by Applicants on November 28, 2007 to be non-compliant because the markings to show changes to the specification were not consistent with the changes actually made. It was explained that "[t]he markings appear to be based on the preliminary amendment filed 15 August 2005¹, which has not been entered in the instant specification." Continuation Sheet. In the Notice it was also stated that a Second Preliminary Amendment filed with the Petition included amendments to the specification and claims as filed in the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 28, 2005 ("First Preliminary Amendment"), when

¹ Applicants understand that the reference to the August 15, 2005 preliminary amendment identifies the Second Preliminary Amendment filed in this application on July 28, 2005, with a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 filed on July 28, 2005 ("Petition"). A decision on the Petition was received by Applicants' Counsel on August 15, 2005.